

Zachery Moriarty. Juniors include Curtis Nordmann, Benjamin Montalban, Camron Garey, Taran Holderman, and Kreig Voreis. Sophomore members on the team are Austin Davis, Griffyn Carpenter, Jordan Everett, Jordan Koontz, and Blake Lemler.

Also, I acknowledge the wonderful support the team had throughout their spectacular 2009 season. Head Coach Jason Groves and Assistant Coaches Landon Hawkins, Dave Carpenter and Matt Landis guided the Trojans to victory. I would also like to thank Principal Michael Chobanov, Athletic Director Mason McIntyre and above all, the fans in the community, many of whom traveled to Indianapolis for the game and gathered to welcome the team home after their victory.

I offer my congratulations to the members of the boys' basketball team of Triton High School, the coaching staff, the school administration, and the surrounding community for their accomplishments this season on the road to their 2nd place finish in the IHSSA 1-A State Tournament.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE SANDRA
DAY O'CONNOR

HON. HARRY E. MITCHELL

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. MITCHELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Honorable Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who recently received the 2008 Paul H. Douglas Award for Ethics in Government from the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois. She was selected as the recipient for her lifelong commitment to good government and her devotion to promoting respect for the highest standards of public service, a record that is a tremendous source of pride among her fellow Arizonans. This annual award recognizes elected or career government officials, or former government officials, whose ideas, writings, or public actions have made a lasting contribution to the practice and understanding of ethical behavior in government.

Sandra Day O'Connor was the first female Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, serving from 1981 after her appointment by President Ronald Reagan until her retirement in 2006. Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court, she was appointed and re-elected twice to the Arizona Senate, ascending to majority leader in 1973. She was later elected to the Maricopa County Supreme Court and appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals. Currently, Justice O'Connor is the Chancellor of the College of William and Mary and serves on the board of trustees of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Since her retirement, she has frequently spoken on the need to insulate the Court from political pressures. To support an independent judiciary, she has tirelessly advocated for the selection of judges based on merit.

I commend the Douglas Award national selection committee for recognizing such a deserving candidate. Justice O'Connor continues to be an excellent example of what others should strive for in public service. She has lead with courage while maintaining a very high standard of integrity in her public and private life.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Sandra Day O'Connor for bringing the very best to government and for her unfaltering service to her community, state, and country.

COMMUNITY BANKS OF NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA ARE NOT THE SAME AS WALL STREET FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. OBERSTAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the small town community banks in Northeastern Minnesota. The vast majority of these institutions are in strong financial condition. They are not AIG, and they are not staring at large sums of "troubled assets".

The bankers living in my district don't need a bailout. They have money to lend to small businesses and families. They know their local communities because they live in them, their kids attend the local schools, and oftentimes, they personally know their customers from various interactions in the community. The financial strength of their communities directly affects them too, so they are actively working with customers who are experiencing problems repaying their loans—people who lost their job though no fault of their own and small business owners hit particularly hard by this historic economic downturn.

My constituents have seen rising foreclosure rates in their communities too, but it was not Northeastern Minnesota bankers who were responsible for many of these bad loans. Instead, it was often out-of-state mortgage companies who had overly risky lending standards and who did not understand the local economies of Northeastern Minnesota, let alone the housing market in general.

Irresponsible lending, over leveraging, and risky financial products by large financial institutions of Wall Street have had devastating economic consequences for families and small businesses located on Main Streets across Northeastern Minnesota. I look forward to working with Chairman FRANK and my colleagues on addressing the regulatory shortfalls that allowed the current financial crisis to occur and on addressing the regulation of so-called "too big to fail" financial institutions. These actions will be important to restoring the public trust in our financial system and our long-term prosperity.

I'm confident we won't have to work too hard on restoring public trust in the small town community banks of Northeastern Minnesota though, because the public trust in these institutions already exists. They have maintained public trust by doing what banks do—accepting deposits and making loans based on responsible leveraging and responsible lending standards.

CELEBRATING THE 90TH
BIRTHDAY OF DOROTHY O'LEARY

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. McCOTTER. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor and acknowledge Dorothy O'Leary upon the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Dorothy O'Leary has selflessly dedicated her life to serving her community. Following her career at J.L. Hudson, she has become very active in her neighborhood, frequently participating and working with local Red Cross Blood Drives. She also volunteers her time regularly as an usher at the Fox, Fischer and Masonic Temple in downtown Detroit. Dorothy's faithful commitment to the Redford community is exemplified by the success she has had running the Used Bookstore at the Redford Township Library. In this capacity, she raises approximately \$20,000 per year to support the library, and is vital to its survival.

In addition to her devoted volunteer efforts, Ms. O'Leary enjoys spending time with the West Side Silver Ladies, a social group of Retired Detroit Police Officer widows. She also loves bowling with her friends, and treasures the time she is able to spend with her three great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, as Ms. O'Leary continues her legacy of passionate philanthropy and eager altruism, I ask my colleagues to join me in extending sincere congratulations to Dorothy O'Leary on her 90th birthday for her enthusiastic leadership and loyalty to her community and country.

IN MEMORY OF BILL ROWELL

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on May 6th, the community of Lexington County lost a long time leader and friend with the passing of Bill Rowell. As a fellow Republican growing up in South Carolina in the 1960s, I admired Bill and counted him as both a mentor and a friend. His dedication and contribution to the communities he served was an example to all those who will follow in his footsteps. He and his first wife, Bobbe, were founders of the modern Lexington Republican Party and his second wife, Dee, was an inspiration for his public service.

Tim Flach of The State newspaper has thoughtfully penned the following fitting tribute to Mr. Rowell.

[From The State, May 9, 2009]

FORMER TREASURER REMEMBERED FOR CARE,
PRINCIPLES

(By Tim Flach)

Friends remember Bill Rowell as a soft-spoken, progressive leader who helped make Republicans the political power in Lexington County.

Rowell, county treasurer from 1992-2007, died Wednesday at age 76 after a long illness. A funeral service for Rowell is set for 11 today at Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church in Lexington.